

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 CAPE T 00534 121928Z

ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W

-----121933Z 041426 /40

O 121748Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5944

S E C R E T CAPE TOWN 0534

NODIS - CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SF

SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BOTHA: MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 0533; (B) CAPE TOWN 0503;
(C) STATE 070649

1. AFTER FONMIN BOTHA FINISHED TALKING ABOUT THE FIVE-
POWER DEMARCHE (REFTEL A), HE TURNED TO HIS MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER. HE SAID IN CONVERSATION WITH PM VORSTER
THIS MORNING, PM HAD RAISED QUESTION OF HOW THE FIVE-POWER
DISCUSSIONS ON NAMIBIA AND THE OWEN MISSION ON RHODESIA
AFFECTED THE PRESIDENT'S OFFER TO SEND A SPECIAL EMISSARY
TO SOUTH AFRICA. SPECIFICALLY, HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER
THE TWO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN LIEU OF OR IN ADDITION
TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFER. I TOLD HIM I WOULD SEEK
GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT. I WENT ON TO ASK HIM IF THERE
WERE ANY SPECIFIC REACTIONS BY THE PM TO THE PRESIDENT'S
OFFER WHICH I SHOULD CONVEY TO WASHINGTON. HE
RESPONDED: "AFTER I REPORTED FULLY TO THE PM ON
MY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, THE PM IS VERY
MUCH INTERESTED IN CONTINUING THE BILATERAL TALKS AND
IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT."

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 CAPE T 00534 121928Z

WM BOTHA THEN BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF RHODESIA.
HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM A
LONG SESSION WITH IAN SMITH. HE SAID HE THOUGHT SMITH
WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO FONSEC OWEN AS LONG AS THE LATTER
DID NOT LECTURE TO HIM. BOTHA SAID THAT HE HAD SOME
DISTURBING INTELLIGENCE ABOUT OWEN'S STYLE IN THIS
REGARD WHICH COULD EASILY PUT OFF SMITH AS WELL AS HIS

OWN PM. I TOOK OCCASION TO REPEAT TO BOTHA POINTS I MADE YESTERDAY TO FOURIE ABOUT OUR SUPPORT FOR THE OWEN MISSION (STATE 080348). BOTHA WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, SMITH CONTINUES TO HARBOR EXPECTATION THAT WHEN CHIPS ARE REALLY DOWN, USG WILL COME TO HIS RESCUE. AS A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE RHODESIAN MENTALITY, BOTHA SAID THAT LAST NIGHT HE HAD RECEIVED CALL FROM HIGHLY PLACED PERSON IN SALISBURY SAYING THAT THERE WERE NOW 17 RF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT READY TO BREAK AWAY FROM SMITH IF THE SAG WILL GIVE ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE RESISTANCE EFFORT. BOTHA SAID HE TOLD SMITH AS WELL AS SALISBURY CALLER THAT THEY WERE COMPLETELY WRONG IN THIS ASSUMPTION AND THEY SHOULD FORGET ABOUT AMERICAN OR SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO FONMIN ABOUT THE PM'S QUERY ON THE PRESIDENT'S OFFER.
BOWDLER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, INTERVENTION, POLICIES, NEGOTIATIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS, CAT-B, CHEROKEE 04/13/77
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 12-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CAPET00534
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: P840072-2137, N770002-0567
Format: TEL
From: CAPE TOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770467/aaaacgci.tel
Line Count: 81
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f94ebda6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 77 CAPE TOWN 533, 77 CAPE TOWN 503, 77 STATE 70649
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2835994
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BOTHA: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
TAGS: PFOR, PREL, PDEV, SF, RH, US, (CARTER, JIMMY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f94ebda6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009